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Interview Summary

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Applicant(s)

SATO ET AL.

Examiner

Richard M. Lorence

Art Unit

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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Richard M. Lorence.

(3) _____.

(2) Andrew St. Clair.

(4) _____.

Date of Interview: 23 March 2009.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference

c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.

If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 1 and 3.

Identification of prior art discussed: Houtz '998.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Mr. St. Clair questioned whether the element 34 in Houtz can be broadly construed as being a "spring" if Houtz does not describe the element 34 as being resilient. The examiner pointed out that the element 34 is inherently capable of returning to its original shape when a load is removed..

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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